

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD HELD OCTOBER 3, 1973.

The regular meeting of the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board was held in the County Commissioner's room on October 3, 1973 at 9:00 a.m., with the following members present: Bruce Osborn, Edward Shaw, Fred Hoffman, A. D. Ruth, Jr. and Gladys Ridder.

MINUTES SIGNED

Upon motion of Bruce Osborn, seconded by Edward Shaw, the minutes of the September 5 meeting were approved as read.

HOEFER DITCH

Public Law Number 199, Section 1 as amended in 1973 gives the Drainage Board the right to relinquish their jurisdiction, by resolution, any ditch located within a city, if said city accepts. Because the Henry Hoeffer ditch lies entirely within the city of Lafayette, the County Attorney was asked to prepare the resolution.

DITCHES REFERRED

The Drainage Board referred the following ditches to the Surveyor to prepare for maintenance funds: William A. Tyler, Wm. F. Grimes vs Monk, James Kellerman, John S. Lofland and Kellerman-Leaming.

ELMER THOMAS

The Engineer asked the Board their pleasure on re-advertising for bids on the Elmer Thomas ditch. They felt that unless someone had knowledge of a bidder who would be within the Engineer's figure, it was a waste of money.

KELLERMAN-LEAMING

The Surveyor asked the Board's opinion on setting up the Kellerman-Leaming watershed for maintenance. To decide whether the large watershed should be one assessment or whether the branches should be set up for maintenance and each one pay a percentage of the Main, was the decision to be made. All seemed more in favor of setting up the smaller areas and then be made aware of their liability towards the maintenance of the Main.

9:30 a.m.
MAINTENANCE HEARING
ON THE
BAKER VS NEWELL
DITCH

The Surveyor opened the hearing on the Baker vs Newell ditch by reading his report and making his recommendations to the Board.
Those in attendance were: George DeLong representing Fay O. Wainwright and William Sanson. Mr. DeLong said that most of this ditch was laid with three tile (two on the bottom and one on top). He stated that no doubt the ditch was in need of attention. There were no charges against this ditch. The acreage in this watershed is small so all of those present felt the \$1.00 per acre assessment would be necessary.
Upon motion by Bruce Osborn, seconded by Edward Shaw a one dollar per acre assessment was established.

10:00 a. m.
MAINTENANCE HEARING
ON THE
ALFRED BURKHALTER
DITCH

The Surveyor opened the maintenance hearing on the Alfred Burkhalter ditch by reading his report and making his recommendations to the Board. He read all the letters received Mr. Ruth also informed those present of the expenditures against this ditch.
The Surveyor had prepared an aerial map of the entire watershed area so all questions could be answered more easily.
Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Skiles, Everett Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Larson, V. L. VanAsdall, Division Engineer of N & W railroad, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller and Jack Boatright.
Raymond Miller felt that 89 acres of his land was too many to drain to the Burkhalter ditch and Mr. Ruth said he would take a few elevations to double check his acreage. The Ervin Larsons also felt part of their acres assessed drained another way but Mr. Ruth pointed out on the map how it actually drained to the Burkhalter ditch. Those in attendance were more in favor of a fifty cents per acre assessment, however when it was pointed out how badly the ditch was in need of repair they agreed that perhaps seventy five cents would be more realistic. Upon motion by Edward Shaw, seconded by Bruce Osborn the \$0.75 per acre assessment was established.
Mr. Ruth corrected Mr. Miller's land to 60 acres to be assessed on Burkhalter.

10:30 a.m.
MAINTENANCE HEARING
ON THE
RICHARD WETHERILL
DITCH

The Tippecanoe County Surveyor opened the hearing on the Richard B. Wetherill ditch by reading his report and making recommendation. Mr. Robert Martin and two of the Benton County Drainage Board joined our Board for this joint hearing. Those in Attendance were: Wayne Wettschurack, John Miller, Elmo Mills, William C. Wettschurack, Donald E Johnson, Gene S. Conner, Wayne F. Anderson, Thurman Wolfe, Dwight W. Sewell, and Dr. M. P. Lord.
Mr. Conner spoke for the Benton County group and said that he had land on both the Wetherill and the Darby ditches (the outlet for Wetherill) and was most happy to see someone take the initiative to get something going. He felt that because the Darby ditch was an outlet for the Wetherill ditch and because it was so badly in need of reconstruction, that to establish a maintenance fund on the Wetherill ditch at this time would be foolish. With 2½ miles of dredging needed as well as about 2 miles of brush cleaning on the Darby ditch, Benton County people suggested that they get that job done first then notify us when they were ready for another joint meeting. Mr. Conner had pictures of those problems and shared them with Tippecanoe County.
The Board moved to continue this hearing until Benton County was ready.

ORDER AND FINDINGS
AND CERTIFICATE OF
ASSESSMENTS

After having established a maintenance fund for the Baker vs Newell and the Alfred T. Burkhalter ditches, the Board signed the Order and Findings and the Certificate of Assessments.

On motion made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Edward J. Shaw
Edward Shaw, Chairman

Robert Fields
Robert Fields, Vice Chairman

Bruce Osborn
Bruce Osborn, Board Member

Gladys Ridder
Gladys Ridder, Exec. Secretary